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**From:** Stepp, Cathy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=BEFDAFC0FA1A425EAE232F60AD9BDA1D-STEPP, CATH]  
**Sent:** 9/7/2018 11:00:10 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]  
**CC:** Thiede, Kurt [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=3cc09fac5acc4ce1ba689fb2ce70d459-Thiede, Kur]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Rodrick, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=6515dbe46dae466da53c8a3aa3be8cc2-Rodrick, Ch]  
**Subject:** Re: Roskam Constituent Issue / Willowbrook

That's great. Personal Phone / Ex. 6

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 7, 2018, at 5:59 PM, Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hey Cathy, the Congressman would like to do 7:30pm ET/6:30pm CT tonight and would like to call you. I can send them your cell number if that works.

Thanks,  
Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 7, 2018, at 6:11 PM, Stepp, Cathy <[stepp.cathy@epa.gov](mailto:stepp.cathy@epa.gov)> wrote:

I am happy to. Feel free to send me the information and I will take care of it yet tonight.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 7, 2018, at 4:35 PM, Ringel, Aaron <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)> wrote:

Cathy/Kurt, see below. Would it be possible to have one or both of you do a call with Congressman Roskam on this issue either today or over the weekend sometime? He's very much interested in discussing ASAP. Let me know if this is doable and I can get things set up.

Thanks,  
Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Davis, Matthew" <[Davis.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Davis.Matthew@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** September 7, 2018 at 5:28:36 PM EDT  
**To:** "Ringel, Aaron" <[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Lyons, Troy" <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>, "Rodrick,

Christian" <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>, "Haman, Patricia" <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>, "Morgan, Ashley" <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>, "Richardson, RobinH" <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>  
**Subject: RE: Roskam Constituent Issue / Willowbrook**

He'd like to have it today or over the weekend.

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron  
**Sent:** Friday, September 7, 2018 5:28 PM  
**To:** Davis, Matthew <Davis.Matthew@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Roskam Constituent Issue / Willowbrook

How soon does he want the call. We'll handle setting it up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 7, 2018, at 5:26 PM, Davis, Matthew <Davis.Matthew@epa.gov> wrote:

Aaron, Troy,  
After playing some phone tag, I just talked with Joe in Rep. Roskam's office. He appreciated the offer of a briefing call for him, and the additional info I provided him over the phone, but it's not going to cut it for his boss right now. What he'd like is a phone briefing with a (Region 5) official on the matter so that he can say he's talked with the folks in charge, he's fully briefed up, and the proper agencies are doing what needs to be done. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

## **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

It would be up to you to make the call on this. And, then you'd be on point for getting in touch with the political folks in R5 and Joe (cell: **Personal Phone / Ex. 6**) to set it up. I'm sorry to hand this back to you, but I think the politics are such that I'm not in the right or high enough position to handle it as it needs to be handled.

Give me a ring if you want to talk more about it- 564-1267.

-Matthew

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron  
**Sent:** Friday, September 7, 2018 12:47 PM  
**To:** Davis, Matthew  
<[Davis.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Davis.Matthew@epa.gov)>; Lyons, Troy  
<[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rodrick, Christian  
<[rodrick.christian@epa.gov](mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov)>; Haman, Patricia <[Haman.Patricia@epa.gov](mailto:Haman.Patricia@epa.gov)>  
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Lets move with the suggested action of an informational call to help inform them, and our, next steps.

-Aaron

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**From:** Davis, Matthew  
**Sent:** Friday, September 7, 2018 12:38 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron  
<[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lyons, Troy  
<[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rodrick, Christian  
<[rodrick.christian@epa.gov](mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov)>; Haman, Patricia <[Haman.Patricia@epa.gov](mailto:Haman.Patricia@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Roskam Constituent Issue / Willowbrook

I should perhaps add that R5 has handled a couple of similar but perhaps less pointed requests, from Rep. Foster's and Sen. Duckworth's offices, with similar sorts of informational briefing calls. And, that I'm happy to chat about this further if you would like more background on the topic or have questions before you decide on a path forward.

Thanks,  
Matthew  
564-1267

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**From:** Davis, Matthew  
**Sent:** Friday, September 7, 2018 12:24 PM  
**To:** Ringel, Aaron  
<[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>; Lyons, Troy

<lyons.troy@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Rodrick, Christian

<rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Beck,

Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>;

Gunasekara, Mandy

<Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>;

Haman, Patricia

<Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>

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Aaron,

## Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Thanks,  
Matthew

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**From:** Ringel, Aaron

**Sent:** Friday, September 7, 2018 11:49  
AM

**To:** Lyons, Troy <[lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov)>;  
Fawell, Joe  
<[Joe.Fawell@mail.house.gov](mailto:Joe.Fawell@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rodrick, Christian  
<[rodrick.christian@epa.gov](mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov)>; Beck,  
Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>;  
Gunasekara, Mandy  
<[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov](mailto:Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov)>; Davis,  
Matthew <[Davis.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Davis.Matthew@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Roskam Constituent Issue /  
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Happy to do so. Looping in  
Matthew in our shop as well who can  
assist.

-Aaron

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**From:** Lyons, Troy  
**Sent:** Friday, September 7, 2018 11:47  
AM  
**To:** Fawell, Joe  
<[Joe.Fawell@mail.house.gov](mailto:Joe.Fawell@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ringel, Aaron  
<[ringel.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov)>; Rodrick,  
Christian <[rodrick.christian@epa.gov](mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov)>;  
Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)>;  
Gunasekara, Mandy  
<[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov](mailto:Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Roskam Constituent Issue /  
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Thanks, Joe.

Aaron, do you mind working w OAR and  
OCSPP to with Congressman Roskam's  
concerns? This has become an urgent  
matter for the Congressman.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 7, 2018, at 9:36 AM, Fawell, Joe  
<[Joe.Fawell@mail.house.gov](mailto:Joe.Fawell@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Troy,

Thanks for taking the  
time to talk with me  
about the situation we  
have in Willowbrook, IL.  
The community is in

quite an uproar right now after the National Air Toxic Assessment (NATA) update, so the Congressman would really appreciate your help in providing current information for his constituents. This is his top priority so please contact me anytime if I can provide more information. Happy to do anything we can to be of help here.

Below is information on the issue. The mayor of Willowbrook has been in contact with US EPA Region 5 officials.

Best,

Joe

Joe Fawell  
Legislative Director  
Congressman Peter J.  
Roskam (IL-06)  
(202) 225-4561

#### Background

- Sterigenics is a medical sterilization company with a facility in Willowbrook, Illinois
- The company uses Ethylene Oxide to sterilize their medical equipment
- In May of 2018, EPA took air samples around

the Sterigenics  
plant  
(presumably as  
a part of their  
update to the  
National Air  
Toxic  
Assessment  
(NATA)

- On August 22,  
2018, the EPA  
finalized an  
update to the  
NATA and  
found 109  
census tracts  
that needed  
further study,  
including those  
around the  
Sterigenics  
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- Sterigenics  
claims that they  
have reduced  
their Ethylene  
Oxide  
emissions by

90% in July,  
2018 by  
installing new  
equipment  
(notably after  
the samples  
were taken in  
May)

- Katie Segal  
(unclear on the  
proper spelling)  
– US EPA  
Region 5,  
Radiation  
Division told  
Frank Tilla, the  
Mayor of  
Willowbrook  
that they would  
be conducting  
follow up air  
quality studies
- According to  
Mayor Tilla, as  
a result of the  
study there  
have been  
protests, rallies,  
a town hall, and  
general hysteria  
in the  
community.  
Citizens have  
been gathered  
around the  
facility yelling  
at employees  
to stop all  
activities  
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and banging on  
the windows
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- The mayor and Congressman Roskam would like to work with the EPA to announce that the agency is immediately looking into the issue and to greatly expedite plans to complete a follow-up study to provide constituents with an answer as to whether or not they are in danger